

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 874

By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Debra Martin, 2011-2012 Wilson County Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Debra Martin is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Martin was recently selected as the 2011-2012 Teacher of the Year for Wilson County, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, she received this illustrious honor on April 13, 2012, at the Wilson County Teachers of the Year annual dinner; and

WHEREAS, as part of this befitting honor, Mrs. Martin won a \$1,500 cash prize and her school will receive a \$500 check; and

WHEREAS, Debra Martin currently serves with acumen and alacrity as a guidance counselor at Mount Juliet Middle School, where she is known as an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Martin truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Debra Martin is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship she shares with her husband, Kenny Martin, and their son; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Martin truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Debra Martin on being chosen as the 2011-2012 Wilson County Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.